

family, friends, and the community greatly influenced the lives of everyone he has known. He will forever be remembered along the streets of Parma Heights and throughout the Greater Cleveland community.

IN RECOGNITION OF
INTERDEPENDENCE DAY

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 20, 2011

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the 2011 Interdependence Day, celebrated annually on September 12th. Interdependence Day is a global celebration targeted at raising awareness of the interdependent character of global society.

Interdependence Day began in 2000, when a small group of international artists, political activists and scholars came together and began a dialogue about the possibilities of interdependence between nations. Following the tragic events of September 11, 2011, this small group's idea began an international movement, the Interdependence Movement. Today, the Interdependence Movement is comprised of a global group of citizens known as Citizens without Borders. This group is focused on "creating a constructive interdependent consciousness that facilitates global cooperation and global governance."

Every year since the 2003 Interdependence Day celebration in Philadelphia, the world's citizens have come together in Rome, Paris, Morocco, Mexico City, Brussels, Istanbul, Berlin and most recently, New York City. The 2011 Interdependence Day celebration coincided with the 10th anniversary of the events of September 11, 2001 and was especially important to the kick-off of the Interdependence Movement as a year long project.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in recognition of the 2011 Interdependence Day, which was celebrated on September 12th in New York City. I wish the Citizens without Borders my best as they strive towards an international community that comes together for global peace and understanding.

ON PALESTINIAN STATEHOOD AND
THE U.N. BID FOR RECOGNITION

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Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, this week, the Palestinian Authority (P.A.) will seek recognition of a Palestinian state on 1967 borders at the United Nations (U.N.). The United States has reportedly given the P.A. private assurances over opposing future Israeli settlement building in the West Bank and has urged the P.A. to return to the negotiating table. Yet the threats by this Congress to cut off aid to the P.A. for making such a move fail to recognize that the efforts of the P.A. to seek recognition from the U.N. and from other states are born directly of the failure of the so-called "peace process" that has allowed settlement construction in the West Bank to continue and that threatens to destroy any hope of the very two-state solution we advocate for.

In July, I opposed a one-sided resolution that condemned any attempt by the P.A. to seek recognition from the U.N., but made no mention of the continued settlement building in the West Bank and East Jerusalem that led to the breakdown in negotiations between Israel and the Palestinians. By only holding one side accountable for such unilateral actions, we undermine the very negotiations we claim to support. A just solution and good faith negotiations will not succeed as long as the United States allows settlement building to continue. We cannot be an honest broker or claim to act in Israel's best interests while turning a blind eye to actions that undermine its security.

True, long-term stability and security for Israel is dependent on peace with its Palestinian neighbors. I unequivocally support a negotiated solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. But a just, negotiated solution can only be achieved when both sides are held accountable for actions that undermine the reality of a two-state solution on the ground.

ERNEST HOUSE SR. TRIBUTE

HON. SCOTT R. TIPTON

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 20, 2011

Mr. TIPTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the former Ute Mountain Ute Tribal leader from the Weeminuche Tribe, Ernest House Sr. Over the past 30 years, his influence, dedication and leadership to the Ute Mountain tribe has grown the tribe's influence in the state of Colorado and in the United States.

Mr. House is the grandson of the Ute Mountain Ute tribe's last hereditary Chief, Chief Jack House. In the last years of Chief Jack House's life, Mr. Ernest House Sr. cared for him, learning much about the tribe's history and potential for future plans.

Mr. House was first elected to the Ute Mountain Tribal Council in 1979. Three years later, Mr. House became chairman for the first time, beginning the first of his four non-consecutive four-year terms as chairman for the Ute Mountain Tribe—his last term ending in 2010.

As chairman, Mr. House helped the Ute Tribe accomplish several projects that widened the tribe's economic and natural resource development. Between 1986 and 1988, Mr. House worked to complete two major water compacts to provide water throughout the Ute territories. In addition, Mr. House oversaw several building projects, including a tribal health center and casino. In his last term as chairman, Mr. House Sr. focused primarily on tribal safety, widening the Tribe's police force from two officers to more than 12 officers.

On Saturday, Sept. 17, 2011, Mr. House was tragically taken from us after a motorcycle accident outside of Cortez, Colorado.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to recognize Mr. Ernest House Sr. His leadership and dedication to the Ute Tribe has benefited thousands, and he will be greatly missed by the Ute Tribe and the state of Colorado.

KEVIN WODLINGER TRIBUTE

HON. SCOTT R. TIPTON

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 20, 2011

Mr. TIPTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Kevin Wodlinger for his work with the local Colorado Honor Flight Network, an organization that flies veterans to Washington to see the World War II memorial.

The Honor Flight Network was founded in 2005 by retired Air Force Captain and physician assistant Earl Morse. Mr. Morse retired from the United States Air Force in 1998, and recognized the need for an organization to help World War II veterans fly to see their memorial in Washington. In May of 2005, the first World War II veterans were flown from Springfield, Ohio to see their memorial.

When Mr. Wodlinger received news of this organization, he knew he needed to help to get this program to Colorado's Western Slope. In 2009, the first Western Slope Honor Flight took off.

In April of 2011, Mr. Wodlinger was honored with the Red Cross Hero nomination for his efforts to start the Western Slope Honor Flight. After receiving this nomination, Mr. Wodlinger claimed he only wanted to make sure that the World War II veterans from Colorado's Western Slope, the "real heroes," were recognized.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to recognize Mr. Kevin Wodlinger. His work with the Honor Flight Network has provided hundreds of World War II heroes the ability to see the memorial America erected in their honor.

TIM JACKSON TRIBUTE

HON. SCOTT R. TIPTON

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 20, 2011

Mr. TIPTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Tim Jackson, president of the Colorado Automobile Dealers Association and advocate for Colorado drivers and Colorado auto dealers.

Mr. Jackson has spent his professional life advocating on behalf of small businesses and Colorado consumers. As the State Director of the National Federation of Independent Business, Mr. Jackson pursued the Colorado legislature on behalf of small businesses.

As President of the Colorado Automobile Dealers Association, Mr. Jackson has urged the Colorado state legislature and the United States Congress to implement policies that help local Colorado new car and truck dealers to maintain their businesses while selling environmentally-safe cars to the Colorado public.

In 2009, Mr. Jackson won the Outstanding Automotive Trade Association Executive from the National Automobile Dealers Association.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to recognize Mr. Tim Jackson. The state and people of Colorado are lucky to have such a determined, entrepreneurial-minded leader advocating on their behalf.